

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

### 1. An outside mirror for a motor vehicle comprising:

a mirror foot<sup>1</sup> fastenable to the vehicle;  
a mirror carrier<sup>3</sup> fastenable to the mirror foot so as to be capable of swivelling about a swivelling axis;  
a spring element;  
a first detent element<sup>11</sup> in a first detent contour<sup>12</sup>, the mirror carrier being fastenable to the mirror foot by virtue of a latching of first detent element in the first detent contour;  
a second detent element<sup>15 or 16</sup> in a second detent contour<sup>15 or 16</sup>, the position of the mirror carrier relative to the mirror foot being securable at at least one defined swivel angle by virtue of a latching of the second detent element in the second detent contour, wherein the mirror carrier in the latched state of the first detent element is displaceable counter to pressure of the spring element at least far enough in the direction of the swivelling axis for the second detent element to be unlatchable from the second detent contour through swivelling of the mirror carrier.

2. An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the second detent element and/or the second detent contour comprise at least one sliding surface<sup>17</sup> extending obliquely from the bottom up relative to the swivelling axis whereby the second detent element upon unlatching is pressed in the direction of the swivelling axis.

3. An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the first detent element in the latched state is movable in the manner of a preloaded spring element into engagement with the first detent contour so that the first detent element in the latched state braces the mirror carrier with a specific initial tension elastically against the mirror foot.

4. An outside mirror according to claim 1, further comprising a first detent element spring element wherein upon a relative movement between mirror carrier and the mirror foot in the direction of the swivelling axis a corresponding, oppositely directed restoring force may be generated through elastic deformation of said first detent element spring element.

5. An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the first detent element and the first detent contour each comprise a detent portion which, during latching, comes to rest against the respective opposing detent portion, wherein at least one of the opposing detent portions extends in a reference plane, which extends at an angle  $\alpha$  of  $1^\circ$  to  $89^\circ$ , relative to the reference planes defined by the swivelling axis.

6. An outside mirror according to claim 5, wherein the angle  $\alpha$  is an angle of  $40^\circ$  to  $50^\circ$ , relative to the reference planes defined by the swivelling axis.

7. An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the detent portion of the first detent element and/or the first detent contour is formed, at least in sections, by a conical

wall portion.

8. An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the first detent element includes a detent tongue with a first end coupled in an elastically sprung manner to the mirror carrier or mirror foot and with a second end which is latchable into the first detent contour.

9. An outside mirror according to one of claim 1, further comprising:

a circular symmetrical retaining element in the form of a sleeve, <sup>7</sup> said retaining element extending in a direction of the swivelling axis for fastening the mirror carrier to the mirror foot, said retaining element being insertable by its free end into a functionally complementary recess of the mirror carrier or mirror foot, the retaining element being disposed on the mirror carrier or mirror foot.

10. An outside mirror according to claim 9, wherein the sleeve in the lateral surface has at least one substantially U-shaped notch, thereby forming a detent tongue <sup>11</sup>, which is coupled in particular in an elastically sprung manner and is coupled in particular in the region of the free end of the sleeve to the sleeve.

11. An outside mirror according to claim 9, wherein the first detent contour is formed by a substantially conical wall portion in a recess of the mirror carrier or mirror foot.

12. An outside mirror according to claim 9, further comprising: guide surfaces disposed in the recess for receiving the retaining element, the guide surfaces including protruding guide lugs<sup>8</sup> whereby a swivelling motion of the mirror carrier on the retaining element may be guided in a radial direction substantially without play.

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13. An outside mirror according to claim 1, further comprising a protruding lug<sup>9</sup> movable into engagement in an opposing groove<sup>10</sup>, the lug for limiting a swivelling motion of the mirror carrier, the lug being movable into contact with the ends of the groove disposed as a swivelling limitation on the mirror carrier or mirror foot.

14. An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the mirror carrier and/or mirror foot are manufactured substantially completely from plastics material as injection-moulded parts.

15. An outside mirror according to claim 14, wherein the mirror carrier and/or mirror foot are of a substantially one piece design.